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*The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for Legislative Business*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.R. 4690—FY 2001 Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the  
Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act**



**Bills Considered Pursuant to a Rule**

**H.R. 4690—FY 2001 Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the  
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**Floor Situation:** Today the House will consider H.R. 4690 as its only order of business subject to a unanimous consent (UC) agreement reached last night. Under the agreement, no further amendments will be in order, except *pro forma* amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Only amendments printed in the *Congressional Record* on or before June 22, 2000 will be in order, considered as read, not amendable and not subject to division. The first amendment made in order is an amendment by Mr. Waxman that will be debated for 40 minutes, the time to be equally divided between Mr. Waxman and a Member opposed to the amendment.

At press time, the *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 4690:

**Mr. Capuano** may offer an amendment (#3) that directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a study of the area code crisis in the United States. The study will examine the causes of the crisis, the costs associated with the addition of new area codes, the impact on consumers, and potential solutions to this problem. Several suggestions for possible solutions are included in the amendment. The amendment requires the FCC to report its findings to Congress within 60 days of enactment of this legislation. **Staff Contact: John Skarin, x5-5111**

**Messrs. Dixon and Crowley** may offer an amendment that increases appropriations for the Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities account by \$240,566,000, increasing funding in the bill to the President's request of \$738,666,000 for this account. That level will allow the United States to pay its anticipated assessments for United Nations Peacekeeping missions in fiscal 2001, including the four missions in Africa—Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia/Eritrea, and Western Sahara—that the current funding level and language in the Committee report restrict. *Staff Contact: Chris Thompson, x5-7084*

**Ms. Maloney** may offer an amendment (#27) that provides \$5 million to the U.S. Census Bureau to begin planning for a Census of Americans Abroad by 2003. *Staff Contact: Joe McKelvey, x5-7944*

**Mr. Weiner** may offer an amendment (#12) that adds \$740,000,000 to H.R. 4690, so that the COPS program would be funded at \$1,335,000,000 for FY2001, the level requested by the President. This funding level will allow the COPS program to fund up to 7,000 additional officers, the latest crime fighting technologies, and innovative crime prevention initiatives. Specifically, the amendment includes: \$420 million to add law enforcement officers to our streets and schools; \$350 million for crime fighting technologies, \$200 million to hire community prosecutors, \$135 million for crime prevention initiatives; \$55 million to address school safety; and \$45 million to enhance law enforcement in Indian Country. *Staff Contact: Eric Rosen, x5-6616*

**Messrs. Campbell and Bonior** may offer a limitation amendment (#20) stating that no funds may be used to detain people under "Secret Evidence". Contact: Charlie DeWitt 225-2632

**Mr. Vitter** may offer an amendment that specifies that no funds in the act shall be used to implement the memorandum of understanding regarding the ABM treaty entered into on September 26, 1997, between the United States, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and the Ukraine until the treaty has been ratified by the United States Senate. *Staff Contact: Kyle Ruckert, x 5-3015.*

**Mr. Obey** may offer an amendment to restore the President's Budget fiscal year 2001 request for the Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction Program, (increase \$81,850,000) to allow public broadcasting stations to make the necessary infrastructure changes to meet the Federal mandate to convert to digital transmission. *Staff Contact: Sally Chadbourne, x5-3481*

**Mr. Obey** may offer an amendment that would fully fund, without offsets, the amounts requested for the Administration's Trade Monitoring and Compliance initiative. Specifically provides an additional \$22 million as follows: \$1.3 million for the Office of the United States Trade Representative; \$17.7 for the Department of Commerce International Trade Administration (ITA), of which \$9.9 million is for the Import Administration and \$6.3 million is for transfer to the Department of Agriculture for related trade compliance activities; and \$3.0 million for the Department of State. *Staff Contact: Sally Chadbourne, x5-3481*

**Mr. Allen** may offer and amendment (#2) an amendment to designate \$5 million for the Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, for hiring and training of staff and ravel to prosecute obscenity cases, including those involving use of the mails for sexual advertisements and

transmittal of sexually-related material. Contact: **Jim Bradley 225-6116**

**Mr. Largent** may offer an amendment (#5) designating \$5 million for the Justice Department's Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, for the hiring and training of staff, travel, and other expenses to prosecute obscenity cases, including those arising under chapter 17 of title 18, United States Code (use of the mails for sexual advertising and transmittal of sexually-related materials). **Contact: Wendy Taylor 225-2216**

**Mr. McGovern** may offer an amendment (#7) to reduce the Telecommunications Carrier Compliance Fund in the Department of Justice for law enforcement purposes by \$4,479,000 and to increase funds for the Small Business Administration by the same amount. **Contact: Giles Giovinnazzi, x5-6101**

**Mr. Rush** may offer an amendment (#11) to transfer \$15 million from the National Weather Service program in NOAA to carry out purposes of the PRIME Act (as added to section 725 of *P.L. 106-102*). **Contact: 225-4372**

**Ms. Delauro** may offer an amendment (#8) that directs any monetary recoveries in the civil action U.S. v. Philip Morris to be directed to accounts in the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense and Health and Human Services for medical care activities under each of those accounts. **Staff Contact: Christin Holman, x5-3661**

**Mr. Filner** may offer an amendment to designate \$4 million from the Small Business Administration to be made available for the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. **Staff Contact: Todd Houchins, x5-9756**

**Mr. Farr** may offer an amendment (#12) to increase funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by \$171 million. **Staff Contact: Troy Phillips, x5-2861**

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#25) that changes the date of registry for immigrants in the United States from 1972 to 1986. The purpose of the amendment is to grant legalization for undocumented immigrants who, after a new policy implemented during the Reagan Administration granting legalization for those who could prove they were in the country since January 1, 1982, briefly left the country and then were denied legalization after re-entry. The INS later agreed to modify the rule but only after hundreds of thousands of people were turned away. **Staff Contact: Leon Buck, x5-2329**

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#26) to adjust the status of nationals of Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti in the same manner as was offered to Nicaraguans and Cubans in the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American relief Act of 1997. The amendment allows the adjustment of status for those individuals to legal permanent status for those individuals living in the United States since 1995. **Staff Contact: Leon Buck, x5-2329**

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#24) restoring funds in the president's budget increasing the current user fee from \$2 to \$8 and to lift the cruise ship exemption and add a \$8 cruise ship fee for passengers embarking from Mexico, Canada, the United States and its territories. The funds raised by this increase will pay for 154 new inspectors and new terminals and to pay for upgrades and pay increases for current inspectors. The amendment does not require an offset. **Staff Con-**

**tact: Leon Buck, x5-2329**

**Mr. Terry** may offer an amendment (#40) to transfer \$1 million from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) public affairs account to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) Operations and Training. **Staff Contact: Dawn Sears, x5-4155**

**Mr. Bilbray** may offer an amendment (#13) to add a new section at the end of the bill designating funds (\$200,000) for the State Department's Administration of Foreign Affairs-Diplomatic and Consular Programs to be used for activities designed to promote the termination of the North Korean ballistic missile program. **Contact: x5-2040**

**Mr. Bilbray** may offer one or more amendments (#14), (#15), and (#16) to decrease funding (by \$5.1 million) for the Diplomatic and Consular programs of the State Department, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 and the UN peacekeeping funds of the State Department and to increase by the same amount (\$5.1 million) funding for salaries and expenses of the International Boundary Water Commission, United States and Mexico. **Contact: x5-2040**

**Mr. Bilbray** may offer an amendment (#17) to reduce funds (\$500,000) for the Diplomatic and Consular programs of the State Department and to increase the State Department Construction Account by the same amount. **Contact: x5-2040**

**Mr. Bilbray** may offer an amendment (#18) transferring funds (\$500,000) from the State Department's Diplomatic and Consular Programs to be used to pay for a feasibility study for the construction of a diversionary structure in the flood control channel of the Tijuana River as it enters the United States. **Contact: x5-2040**

**Mr. Davis (VA)** may offer an amendment (#21) to strike section 111 of the bill (section 1001(a)(1) of P.L. 106-113 relating to the District of Columbia). **Contact: x5-1492**

**Mr. Hostettler** may offer an amendment (#23) to prohibit the use of Department of Justice funds to enforce, implement or administer the provisions of the settlement document between Smith & Wesson and the Department of the Treasury. **Contact: x5-4636**

**Ms. McCarthy (MO)** may offer an amendment (#28) authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to accept donated property and services relating to operation of the Prison Card Program from a nonprofit entity notwithstanding the fact it provides services under a contract for operation of pre-release services, halfway houses and other custodial facilities. **Contact: x5-4535**

**Mr. McGovern** may offer an amendment (#29) to decrease funds (\$1 million) for the Federal Prison System of the Department of Justice and to increase funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology by the same amount. **Staff Contact: Giles Giovinnazzi, x5-6101**

**Mr. Sanford** may offer an amendment (#33) to strike the funding (\$8.2 million) for the Asia Foundation in the Department of State. **Contact: x5-3176**

**Mr. Saxton** may offer an amendment (#34) increasing funds for the National Ocean Service by \$18.2 million and reducing funds (\$18.4 million) for the National Marine Fisheries Service, and

increasing funds for the National Weather Service (by \$18 million) and reducing funds for the Service by \$17.9 million. **Contact: x5-47654**

**Mr. Stearns** may offer an amendment limiting the use of funds (not more than \$880,000) for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of Plans and Policy. **Contact: x5-5744**

**Mr. Stearns** may offer an amendment (#38) limiting the use of funds (not more than \$640,000) for the Office of Media Relations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). **Contact: x5-5744**

**Mr. Talent** may offer an amendment (#39) designating funds (\$4 million) for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to be used for the National Veterans Business Development Corporation established under the Small Business Act. **Contact: x5-2561**

**Mr. Upton** may offer an amendment (#42) to reduce funds (\$8.5 million) for the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 and the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs (by \$8.5 million) and increasing funding for the Weed and Seed program by \$8.5 million. **Contact: x5-3761**

**Mr. Wu** may offer an amendment (#43) to reduce funding for the joint INS and U.S. Marshal Service Detention Facility (by \$8.2 million) and to increase funding for trade adjustment assistance (by \$1.2 million), for NOAA (by a total of \$28 million). **Contact: x5-0855**

The following amendments may also be offered to H.R. 4690 during its consideration on the House floor:

**Messrs. Waxman, Evans, Hansen, Meehan and Ms Stabenow** may offer an amendment to strike section 110 of the bill relating to litigation activities (restricting reimbursement to litigation where the United States is a defendant) of the Department of Justice. **Staff Contact: Debbie Smith, x5-5944**

**Mr. Andrews** may offer an amendment to strike section 110 of the bill which restricts reimbursement by the Department of Justice to cases where the United States, or an agency or officer is a defendant. **Staff Contact: Matt Walker, x5-6501**

**Mr. Brown (OH)** may offer an amendment (#53) restricting the use of funds for the revocation or revision of laws or regulations of another country relating to intellectual property rights involving drugs or other medical technologies and, requiring compliance with the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the so-called WTO TRIPS accord. **Staff Contact: Ellie Dehoney, x5-3401**

**Mr. English** may offer an amendment (#61) to add an additional \$3 million Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to increase the number of personnel by 25 positions to handle negotiations, monitoring, and enforcement of trade agreements. The amendment proposes to transfer \$3 million in funds from the Department of Commerce General Administration account for USTR. **Staff Contact: Chris St.Pierre, x5-5406**

**Messrs. Coble and Dreier** may offer one or more of three amendments (#54, #55 and #56) to increase funding for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) by \$134 million (same as the president's request), such funds to be offset by decreases in funding for the Economic and Statistical Analysis account and the Bureau of the Census. *Staff Contact: Chris Katopis, x5-5741*

**Mr. Barr** may offer an amendment (#44) to insert the word "immediate" before the term "destruction" relating to unlawful sale, distribution or ownership of firearms. *Contact: x5-2931*

**Mr. Bilbray** may offer one or more amendments (#45), (#46), (#47), and (#48) to reduce funding for the Diplomatic and Consular Affairs of the State Department in various amount(s) and increase funding for the International Boundary and Water Commission – United State and Mexico by the same amount(s). *Contact: x5-2040*

**Mr. Bilbray** may offer one or more amendments (#48), (#49), (#50), and (#51) to transfer funds from the State Department's account for Diplomatic and Consular Affairs to the International Boundary Commission-United States and Mexico for a feasibility study for the construction of a diversionary structure in the flood control channel of the Tijuana River and the tracking of plumes of sewage contaminants in the south San Diego Bay-Mexico border region. *Contact: x5-2040*

**Mr. Blunt** may offer an amendment (#52) prohibiting the use of funds for the U.S.-European Union Consultative Group on Biotechnology unless the U.S. Trade Representative certifies that the European Union has a timely, transparent, science-based regulatory process in place for the approval of agricultural biotechnology products. *Contact: x5-6536*

**Mr. Chambliss** may offer an amendment (#54) to require a grantee of the Legal Services Corporation that does not prevail in a civil suit against farmers under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, the grantee pays the attorneys fees incurred by the defendant. *Contact: x5-6531*

**Ms. DeGette** may offer an amendment (#58) transferring funds (\$750,000) from the Counterterrorism Fund of the Justice Department for carrying out provisions of the Clean Air Act relating to section 3(a) of the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (P.L. 106-40). *Contact: x5-4431*

**Ms. DeGette** may offer an amendment (#59) to strike section 103 (the prohibition on the use of funds to pay for abortions for female inmates in federal detention facilities). *Contact: x5-4431*

**Mr. Dixon** may offer an amendment (#60) increasing funding for the International Peacekeeping Activities of the State Department by \$240 million. *Contact: x5-7084*

**Mr. Jackson (IL)** may offer an amendment (#62) increasing funding for the International Peacekeeping Activities of the State Department by \$240 million. *Contact: x5-0773*

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#63) to increase funds (\$3 million) for the Office of the U.S. Attorneys by reducing funding for NOAA by the same amount. *Contact: x5-3816*

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#64) to increase funds (\$11.8 million) for the Office of the United States Attorneys by reducing funding for NOAA by the same amount. *Contact: x5-3816*

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#65) to increase funding (\$24 million) for the U.S. Marshals Service and reduce funding for INS construction by the same amount. *Contact: x5-3816*

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#66) designating funding for International Peacekeeping Activities of the State Department specifically for Angola, Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sierra Leone and the western Sahara of Africa. *Contact: x5-3816*

**Ms. Jackson-Lee** may offer an amendment (#67) to decrease funding for the International Boundary Commission- United States and Mexico (by \$2.1 million) and increasing funding for the Commission on Civil Rights by the same amount. *Contact: x5-3816*

**Mr. Knollenberg** may offer an amendment (#68) adding language to section 623 (relating to limitations on implementation of the Kyoto Protocols) clarifying that any limitations on funds made available under the bill shall not apply to activities which are otherwise authorized by law. *Contact: x5-5802*

**Mrs. Maloney** may offer an amendment (#69) reducing funds (\$5 million) for the International Trade Commission and increasing funding for the Bureau of the Census by the same amount. *Contact: x5-3822*

**Mrs. Mink** may offer an amendment (#70) to increase funding (by \$4.8 million) for various activities of NOAA and reducing funding of the NOAA Procurement, Acquisition and Construction account by \$1.2 million. *Contact: x5-4906*

**Mr. Obey** may offer an amendment (#71) to strike the proviso on page 77, line 9 of the bill relating to limitations on the use of \$100 million for payment to the United Nations by the State Department. *Contact: x5-3481*

**Mr. Olver** may offer an amendment (#72) adding language to section 723 (relating to the Kyoto Protocols) clarifying that the limitations on funds shall not apply to activities which are otherwise authorized by law. *Contact: x5-5335*

**Mr. Serrano** may offer an amendment (#73) increasing funds (by \$241 million) for International Peacekeeping Activities of the State Department. *Contact: x5-3481*

**Mr. Smith (MI)** may offer an amendment (#74) increasing funds (\$4.4 million) for Economic Statistical Analysis in the Commerce Department and decreasing funds in the State Department Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act account. *Contact: x5-6276*

**Mr. Souder** may offer an amendment (#75) adding language at the end of the bill that prohibits any funds being used to pay for any U.S. delegation or envoy to attend a UN-sponsored meeting that may take action on the decriminalization or legalization of prostitution or otherwise limits interna-



tional efforts to stop sex trafficking. **Contact: x5-4436**

**Mr. Vitter** may offer an amendment (#76) adding language at the end of the bill to prohibit the use of any funds by a U.S. delegation involving the Commission to Implement the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Treaty between the United States and the Union of Soviet Republics with regard to the 1972 limitation on Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems. **Contact: x5-3015**

**Mr. Vitter** may offer an amendment (#77) adding language at the end of the bill prohibiting the use of funds by the State Department to approve the purchase of property in Arlington, Virginia by the Xinhua News Agency. **Contact: x5-3015**

**Mr. Whitfield** may offer an amendment (#78) to add a new section to the bill (624) to prohibit funds for the Legal Services Corporation from being used for grants for programs to provide legal assistance to H2-A workers (as defined under section 101(A)(15)(H)(II) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) in lawsuits against former employers. **Contact: x5-3115**

**Additional Information:** See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXIX, #17, Pt. IV, June 16, 2000.



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